Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation directed at a person or group of people; and,

Whereas, Bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology, such as the Internet; and,

Whereas, Various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and,

Whereas, Targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems, and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and,

Whereas, Children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors, and a large percentage of children who are bullied believe that adult help is infrequent and ineffective; and,

Whereas, South Dakota schools, parents, recreation programs, religious institutions, and community organizations should be encouraged to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safe for all children and adolescents:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2008, as

BULLYING PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State